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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1-8 as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the claims:

nos. 1-11 as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the drawings:

sheets 1/3-3/3 as originally filed/furnished

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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	9, 10	YES
	Claims	1-8, 11	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	9, 10	YES
	Claims	1-8, 11	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
1 This report makes reference to the following document:			
D1: EP 1 256 510 A (PEUGEOT CITROEN AUTOMOBILES SA) 13 November 2002 (2002-11-13)			
2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1			
2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 lacks novelty (PCT Article 33(2)).			
Document D1 discloses (the references between parentheses refer to that document; see, in particular, figure 2):			
Motor vehicle bodywork structure (12) with			
- substantially parallel longitudinal girders (12d, 12g) on each side of the bodywork structure (12),			
- energy absorbing means (7d, 7g) being			

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- provided at the ends of the longitudinal girders (12d, 12g) pointing in the direction of travel, said elements absorbing impact energy in the event of a collision and passing impact energy to the longitudinal girders (12d, 12g), and
- additional means being provided for absorbing energy (8d, 8g), said means passing the impact energy in a targeted manner to other areas of the bodywork structure (see figure 2, via integral girders 2, 5).

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-8, 11

Dependent claims 2-8 and 11 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty:

- Claims 2,3: see D1, fig. 2, ref. 2, not novel;
Claims 4-7: see D1, fig. 2, crash boxes 8d, 8g, absorbers 20, cross-girder 4, also not novel;
Claim 8: see seams on the cross-girder;
claim 11: e.g. by the outwardly pointing end of the cross-girder part, 40d.

4 The features contained in dependent claims 9 and 10 are neither disclosed nor suggested by the available prior art. These claims therefore also appear to meet PCT requirements in respect of novelty and inventive step.

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5 Application in automotive engineering.